

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for using an electronic trading system comprising a trading interface and a trading server, the method comprising:

receiving a bid;

receiving a parameter for linking the bid to an offer; and

generating an offer based on the received bid and the received parameter wherein:

the offer and the bid are brought to market substantially simultaneously.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating the parameter based on historical data.

3. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating the parameter based on market data that is related to the bid.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises prompting a user to input the parameter.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a price spread between the bid and the offer.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a volume spread between the bid and the offer.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a price spread and a volume spread between the bid and the offer.

8. A method for using an electronic trading system comprising a trading interface and a trading server, the method comprising:

receiving an offer;
receiving a parameter for linking the offer to a bid; and
generating a bid based on the received offer and the received parameter wherein:
the offer and the bid are brought to market substantially simultaneously.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating the parameter based on historical data.

10. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating the parameter based on related market data.

11. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises prompting a user to input the parameter.

12. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a price spread between the bid and the offer.

13. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a volume spread between the bid and the offer.

14. The method of claim 8 wherein the receiving the parameter comprises generating a price spread and a volume spread between the bid and the offer.

15. A method for using an electronic trading system comprising a trading interface and a trading server, the method comprising:

receiving a bid;
generating a parameter for linking a bid to an offer based on historical data; and
generating an offer based on the received bid and the received parameter.

16. A method for using an electronic trading system comprising a trading interface and a trading server, the method comprising:

receiving a bid;
prompting a user to input the parameter;
receiving the parameter; and
generating an offer based on the received bid and the received parameter.